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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rodney Carroll on September 30, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of sertraline hydrochloride Form V consisting essentially of:

- a. suspending/dissolving sertraline acetate in suitable solvents to form a mixture;
- b. adjusting the pH of said ~~the~~ mixture to a value of from 1 to 2 with aqueous hydrogen chloride at a temperature of about 25°C;
- c. stirring the mixture produced in step (b) at about 25°C; and
- d. isolating and drying under vacuum to obtain sertraline hydrochloride Form V.

2-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the sertraline acetate is suspended/dissolved in a solvent selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, ethyl acetate, water and mixtures thereof.

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15. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 14, wherein the solvent used is water.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of sertraline hydrochloride Form V consisting essentially of:

- a. suspending/dissolving sertraline base in acetic acid to form a mixture;
- b. adjusting the pH of ~~said~~ the mixture to a value from 1 to 2 with aqueous hydrogen chloride;
- c. cooling the mixture produced in step (b) gradually to bring the temperature from 30°C to 5°C - 0°C; and
- d. isolating and drying the sertraline hydrochloride to obtain Form V.

18-32. (Canceled)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CLINTON BROOKS whose telephone number is (571)270-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DANIEL SULLIVAN can be reached on (571)272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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